

"The Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena is affiliated to the 'British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association' and their united aims are to promote the unbiased investigation and research into Unidentified Flying Object Phenomena".

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The October "Flap",Surrey's Contribution.

The sighting by two Devonshire Police Constables of a 'Flying Cross',started off one of the biggest flaps for years,before very long we were assailed by flying 'Crosses', 'Stars','Green Balls'and 'Fireballs'.The newspapers and television reporters,plus 'steam radio',were soon on the scene and during the final days of October,UFO's were the topic of conversation.....Now that the dust has settled,we can pause and assess the reports that came to light during the 'flap' period (23/10 to 6/11).

Since the publication of our last newsletter (Oct.6th),we have received a total of 19 sighting reports of which 9 were sent in after the 23rd Oct.We can no doubt attribute several of these to the publicity given to the SIGAP group in the local press,as well as to the general publicity of the subject in the radio etc,(our Hon.Sec. Dick Beet gave an interview on South East News).Several of the reports sent in to us concerned sightings going back as far as a year ago,it's not surprising therefore that the month of October resulted in only eight reports which could have been UFO activity. While this is quite good,it is no more than were reported in August of this year,but the press had done their job and for a brief moment the general public were on the point of realizing exactly how much UFO activity there is,over the British Isles.

However the Ministry of Defence soon put everyones mind at rest with the startling information that there had been numerous sightings of Venus,Aircraft and satellite reflections,in other words UFO's did not exist. It is with interest that we await the M.O.D.'s comments on the recent Russian statement that a scientific mission will investigate all Russian UFO reports,as they have been tracing them on their Radar sets for the past 20 years.Maybe the Russians haven't heard of Venus yet?

To return to our local sightings,you will find them in date order as follows.....

7/10/67 8.20pm.

Mr D.Law and his girl friend were standing near Guildford Cathedral,when Mr Law saw a bright whitish object in the shape of a half moon,streak across the sky at low alt. approx 500ft up. It left no trail,made no noise and was soon lost from sight,heading W.



15/10/67 2/3am.

Miss J.Darrah woke up and lay looking out of the window (curtains were open),when she noticed two bright lights in the sky,one a short distance above the other.After approx ten minutes,the top light was joined by a smaller light that approached from the S. then after $\frac{3}{4}$ hour all three lights moved into the distance and disappeared from sight.

3/10/67 3.30am.

Miss Akworth of West End,Woking,observed a red disc approx 50degrees above the S.E. horizon.The weather was clear and the disc did not move during the time of observation, 3 to 5 minutes.

24/10/67 9pm.

Miss P.Warren and two other women friends,saw a 'glowing ring of fire' approach the ground at Wood Street Common,Nr Guildford.It hovered for a few minutes and then it suddenly shot skywards and disappeared.

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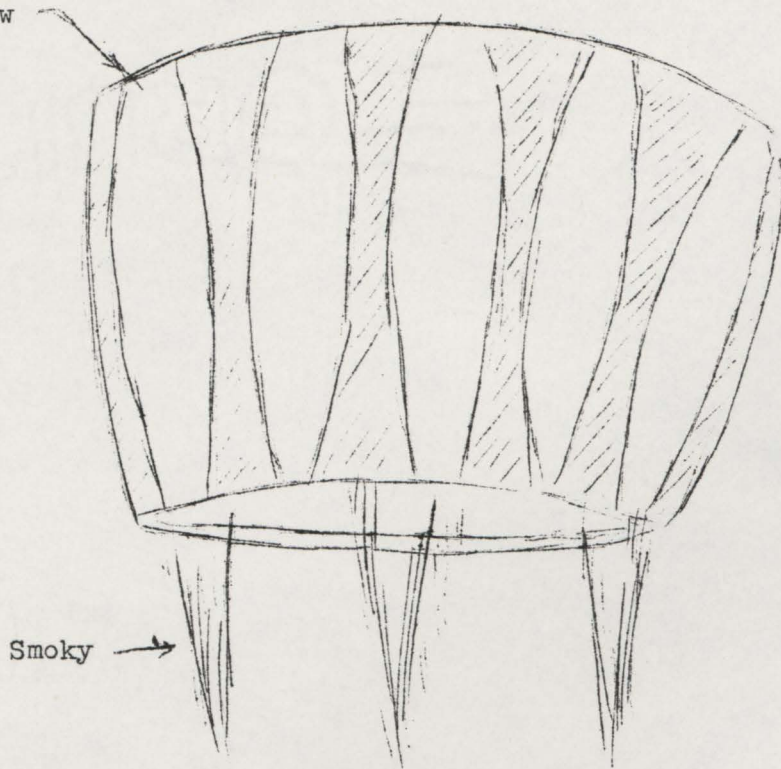
26/10/67 7.15pm.

Miss C.Fisher and her parents observed , a formation of amber coloured lights in the direction of the 'Hogs Back'. They saw the circular lights from their home at Shamley Green, during which time the lights changed formation several times, sometimes flying in a 'Vic' and then in a 'Cross' Two of the lights flew away from the formation and the remainder suddenly disappeared as though they had been switched off.

13/10/67 6.35pm.

Mrs B.Pratt of Jacobs Well, saw a bright light approaching as she led her ponies in from the field. The light drew closer and took the shape of a 'Flying Hovercraft' It had a number of brightly glowing lights around it and three hazy trails on the underside, as per sketch.

Yellow



Smoky

29/10/67 4.18pm.

Mr R.Martin of Godalming, looked out of his window and saw a Vee formation of lights, they were as bright as 100watt lights. He called his wife, but by the time they ran outside, the lights had gone.

6/11/67 7.15pm. approx.

Mr Murray of Woking saw a very bright cross shaped star moving slowly across the sky. It moved from S to N but then changed course W to E, its movements were very irregular, occasionally it would stop for a second or two.

That completes the sightings reported to date and we have no comments to add,
as these sightings are still under investigation. O.F.

Sky Scouts/Contact Groups.

The International Sky Scouts, who recently renamed themselves 'Contact' (U.K.), have now apparently split into a further group; 'International Sky Scouts Assc. (UK)'. who in turn have now separated from what was their parent body, the Japanese based 'Cosmic Brotherhood Association'.

Sussex Investigation Society of Aerial Phenomena.

We are pleased to welcome a new investigation group onto the scene :- S.I.S.A.P. Mr D.Rodway of Herne Hill recently contacted us, with a view to co-operation between the two groups. We have had the odd incident in Sussex that has aroused our interest and led to us visiting the area, but the forming of a group in Sussex will now dispense with the necessity of having to travel that far and S.I.S.A.P. has been assured of our co-operation.

U.F.O.'s and Radar Tracking .

by Dick Beet.

The question has often been asked "If UFO's are real, why have they not been tracked on Radar screens?" An elementary study dismisses this statement as complete fallacy. We have ourselves heard how a government radar tracking station in Scotland, traced the journey of an object the size of the Queen Mary at a height of 160,000 ft. and travelling at 60m.p.h. (SIFAP 'Satellite' lecture Sept. 67.) Further evidence is given in the following extract from the "Report on UFO's" by E. Ruppert, at one time the head of the U.S.A.F. 'Project Bluebook'. The report reached the investigating committee on teletype from the Army Signal Corps Radar Centre, at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. September 12th 1961.

The incident had started two days before at 11.10am. when a student operator was giving a demonstration to a group of visiting 'brass' at the radar school.

During the demonstration the operator spotted an object about 12,000yds South East of the station, flying low towards the North. He tried to switch the set to automatic tracking, he failed, tried again, failed again. He turned to his audience of U.F.O.'s embarrassed and said "It's going too fast for the set, that means it's going faster than a jet"...a lot of very important eyebrows lifted...what flies faster than a jet?

The object was in range for three minutes and the operator kept trying without success to get into 'automatic track'. The target finally went off the scope, leaving the red faced operator talking to himself.

The radar technicians at Fort Monmouth had checked the weather, there wasn't the slightest indication of an inversion layer.

Twenty five minutes later, the pilot of a T-33 jet trainer carrying an Air Force Major as passenger and flying at 20,000ft. over Point Pleasant, New Jersey, spotted a dull silver disc like object far below him. He described it as 30 to 50ft in diameter and as descending towards Sandy Hook from an altitude of a mile or so. He banked the T-33 over and started down after it. As he shot down, he reported that the object stopped its descent, hovered, then sped South, made a 120 degrees turn and then vanished out to sea.

The Fort Monmouth incident then switched back to the radar group. At 3.15pm they received an excited almost frantic call from F.O. to pick up a target high and to the North - which was where the first 'faster than a jet' object had vanished. They were told to pick it up in a hurry, they got a fix on it and reported that it was travelling slowly at 93,000ft. They could also see it visually as a silver speck.

The next morning, two radar sets picked up another target that couldn't be tracked automatically. It would climb, level off, climb again, go into a dive...when it climbed it went almost straight up.

The two day sensation ended that afternoon when the radar tracked another UFO,

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slow moving object and tracked it for several minutes....

The B.U.F.O.R.A. Northern Conference at Liverpool.

Reported by O.Fowler.

I visited Liverpool on November 4th, to represent the SIGAP group at one of the big meetings of the UFO year, the 'Northern Conference'. The meeting was held in the Central Hall, Renshaw Street. The meeting was well attended and I met delegates from the Mersey side UFO Research Group, The Tyneside UFO Society, Cambridge University Group for the Investigation of UFO's and British Unidentified Flying Object Research Society.

After meeting and having a general chat, the various groups settled down to listen to the first lecture of the afternoon, a talk by Charles Bowen, Editor of 'Flying Saucer Review', who gave an interesting talk on some of the outstanding reports of recent years. Mr Bowen was followed by Anthony Durham, who was until recently, Joint Secretary of the Cambridge University UFO study group, who spoke on the possibility of a number of UFO sighting being in fact 'ball lighting' and he raised some very interesting points that made the audience think twice about such things as 'red fireballs' etc. We are hoping to obtain notes of the more interesting points of the argument.

Mr W. Skellern of the Direct Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena, gave a talk on 'Mechanical Implications of UFO's' and illustrated his theories by means of a stroboscopic disc.

During the chit chat between lectures, Mr Stewart Miller of the Cambridge Group, requested copies of all our sighting reports to date, these with others, will be punched onto computer cards and then programmed to supply information on one of Cambridge Universities Computers.

Mr Bowen, who lives at Woking (Editor of FSR) spoke of the publicity that we had received over some of our sky-watches and he expressed his opinion that very little can be gained from a skywatch, as the chances of seeing a UFO are remote and the time could be more profitably spent on investigating all UFO witness reports more fully. I feel that I must agree with Mr Bowen's comments, as the number of reports that we do receive is steadily growing and each one does warrant more time than is spent on it at the moment.

S.I.G.A.P. Application Form For Area Investigators.

This post will be honorary and any investigator will at any time be able to opt out of the position by writing to the Secretary. The Executive Committee will reserve the right to remove the honorary office at any time.

Full Name.....(Mr, Mrs, Miss) Occupation.....

Address.....Age.... Telephone No.....

..... Qualifications/Technical.....

Have you a portable tape recorder.....Have you personal transport.....

Can you investigate a report within 24hrs/3days/7days.(Cross out where applic.)

In what area can you conduct your investigations i.e. radius in miles from your home.....

Have you a camera..... Any comments?.....

INVESTIGATORS ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED TO HELP US. We regret we cannot pay expenses.

Please return this form to the Hon Sec. 195, Epsom Road, Guildford, Surrey.